

## Message Text

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ACTION VO-03

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FM AMERICAN EMBASSY SOFIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2681

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BERLIN

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY DAPES

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, CGEN, PFOR, CSCE, BU, CVIS

SUBJECT: INABILITY TO ISSUE US VISAS IN DIVIDED FAMILY CASES

REF: A) SOFIA 0557; B) SOFIA 0650; C) SOFIA 0560;  
D) SOFIA 0472; E) SOFIA 0471; F) SOFIA 0469

1. REF A EXPLAINED THE NERL PROBLEM EMBASSY NOW FACING  
(DUE TO INS SLOWNESS IN PROCESSING) IN TIMELY ISSUANCE  
OF US IMMIGRANT VISAS TO BULGARIAN RELATIVES OF AMERICAN  
CITIZENS WHO, AFTER YEARS OF WAITING, HAVE FINALLY RECEIVED  
GOB PASSPORTS AND EXIT PERMITS. THER REFS ARE SPECIFIC  
CASES.

2. AS TIME PASSES THESE CASES BECOME MORE PRESSING, PARTIC-  
ULARLY THOSE INVOLVING ELDERLY PARENTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.  
REQUEST EARLY REPLY REF A.

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3. THIS SITUATION HAS IMPORTANT CSCE IMPLICATIONS. IT  
SEEMS TO US THAT AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE THE US COULD BE  
FAULTED QUITE PLAUSIBLY FOR FIRST PRESSING FOR FAMILY  
UNIFICATION AND THEN, WHEN EXIT PERMISSIONS HAD BEEN GRANTED,  
LEAVING EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONALS "DANGLIN" BECAUSE OF  
THE "RESTRICTIVENESS" OF OUR OWN VISA PROCEDURES.  
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## Message Attributes

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